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report on the action taken by the municipality in the matter has been received. The Municipalities of Cannanore and Kozhikode have not requested the Government to depute a Special Officer to work out a Drainage scheme in their respective areas.''

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' In view of the fact that in Cannanore and Kozhikode municipalities, it is essential to have drainage systems as their absence affects the health and life of the people, will the Government be pleased to appoint a special officer to go into the question of providing drainage systems for these two places? ''

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' Municipal drainage schemes will be taken up according to their rank in the order of priority.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' Questions over.''

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* STATE OF LAWLESSNESS AND UNREST IN CERTAIN VILLAGES IN SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT.

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' The hon. Member, Sri Narayana Kurup, has given notice of a motion under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules to call attention to the state of lawlessness and unrest in certain villages in South Kanara district. The hon. Member, Sri Narayanan Nambiar, has also given notice of a motion on the same subject but under rule 41.''

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' We have not received a copy of that motion.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' It is an adjournment motion and I fail to see why copies should be circulated to Members.''

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' I am wrong, Sir. I was under a confusion of thoughts.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' I shall read Mr. Kurup's motion—

' That the attention of the Government be drawn to a matter of urgent public importance under rule 40, viz., the state of lawlessness and unrest in certain villages—Belur II, Kodath and Panathady of South Kanara. '

I wish to advise Mr. Naryanan Nambiar not to press his motion because this subject should more properly come under rule 40. I shall read his motion also for the information of hon. Members. It runs as follows :—

' This House stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, viz., the failure of the Government to safeguard the public security and people's property in Kodoth village and suburbs in Hosdrug sub-taluk, Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district, where looting, arson and indiscriminate attack on peasants and merchants have taken place and continue to take place since 29th January 1955 and latest one being on 3rd February when five shops were set on fire in Odayanchal. ' ''

* Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' Mr. Speaker, Sir, my purpose in giving notice of the motion was to invite the attention of the Government to the atrocities, riot, arson and loot 12 noon

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committed in the villages Panathadi, Kodoth and Velur No. 2. Now, I find a similar motion has been given notice of by the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup under rule 40. My purpose will be served if the Hon. Minister concerned makes a statement in regard to that matter. Life in these villages has become intolerable due to the atrocities of the landlords in connivance with the Sub-Inspector of Police. There is a feeling of insecurity among the people. It is, therefore, essential that immediate attention should be paid to this matter and action taken against those who are responsible for creating such a state of affairs there."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Therefore, the hon. Member Sri Narayananana Nambiar is not pressing his motion."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, my case has already been argued by the hon. Member Sri Narayanan Nambiar. As he said, there is growing tension and lawlessness in three villages, Velur Second, Kodoth and Panathadi, Hosdrug taluk. In this short period of about a month there were four serious cases of arson, two cases of dacoity and one of murder. There was one case of arson on 31st January 1955, when one house was burnt. On 3rd February 1955, seven houses were burnt. On the 4th February 1955, there was a murder case. These grave crimes coming in quick succession forming a link in the same chain, there is a great panic and insecurity in respect of life and property to the people. There is a feeling among the people that the steps taken by the Police who are the custodians of law and order have not been adequate and impressive as the situation would demand. Therefore, the House would like to have an appraisal of the situation as is reported to the Government and steps so far taken."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With regard to the Kodoth village in Kasargod taluk, it is the same village in which the incident relating to the hon. Member Sri Narayanan Nambiar took place and to which a reference was made yesterday in the form of a privilege motion. As a matter of fact, series of incidents connected with it have occurred and cases are pending before Courts. Therefore, I would not like to make any further statement on this matter now. I may, however, assure hon. Members that we have instructed the Collector to take sufficient steps to see that there is no breach of the peace caused by any party."

## III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

### AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE II TO THE MADRAS MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION ACT, 1931 (MADRAS ACT III OF 1931).

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

' *That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Government under section* 17 (1) *of the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act,* 1931 (*Madras Act III of* 1931), *amending Schedule II to the said Act, be approved.*'